

## Observations on the Ternary Cubic Equation $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 7z^3$

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### ABSTRACT:

The non-homogeneous cubic equation with three unknowns represented by the diophantine equation  $X^2 - XY + Y^2 = 7Z^3$  is analyzed for its patterns of non-zero distinct integral solutions. A few interesting relations between the solutions and special numbers are exhibited.

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### Notations:

$t_{m,n}$  : Polygonal number of rank  $n$  with size  $m$

$P_n^m$  : Pyramidal number of rank  $n$  with size  $m$

$S_n$  : Star number of rank  $n$

$Pr_n$  : Pronic number of rank  $n$

$j_n$  : Jacobsthal lucas number of rank  $n$

$J_n$  : Jacobsthal number of rank  $n$

$CP_n^m$  : Centered Pyramidal number of rank  $n$  with size  $m$ .

## I. INTRODUCTION

The Diophantine equations offer an unlimited field for research due to their variety [1-3]. In particular, one may refer [4-17] for cubic equations with three unknowns. This communication concerns with yet another interesting equation  $X^2 - XY + Y^2 = 7Z^3$  representing non-homogeneous cubic with three unknowns for determining its infinitely many non-zero integral points. Also, a few interesting relations among the solutions are presented.

## II. METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The ternary non-homogeneous cubic Diophantine equation to be solved for its distinct non-zero integral solution is  $x^2 - xy + y^2 = 7z^3$  (1)

### 2.1Pattern:1

Introduction of the transformations

$$x = u + v, \quad y = u - v \quad (2)$$

In (1) leads to

$$u^2 + 3v^2 = 7z^3 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Let } z = a^2 + 3b^2 \quad (4)$$

Write 7 as

$$7 = \frac{(5 * 2^n + i2^n \sqrt{3})(5 * 2^n - i2^n \sqrt{3})}{2^{2n+2}} \tag{5}$$

Using (4) and (5) in (3) and applying the method of factorization, define

$$u + i\sqrt{3}v = \frac{(5 * 2^n + i2^n \sqrt{3})}{2^{n+1}} (a + i\sqrt{3}b)^3$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we get

$$u = \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} [5(a^3 - 9ab^2) - 9(a^2b - b^3)] \tag{6}$$

$$v = \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} [(a^3 - 9ab^2) + 15(a^2b - b^3)] \tag{7}$$

Using (6) and (7) in (2), we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x(a, b) &= \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} [6(a^3 - 9ab^2) + 6(a^2b - b^3)] \\ y(a, b) &= \frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} [4(a^3 - 9ab^2) - 24(a^2b - b^3)] \\ z(a, b) &= (a^2 + 3b^2) \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{8}$$

Where n= 0,1, 2.....

**Properties:**

- (1)  $x(2^n, 1) = 3[j_{3n} - 9j_n + 3J_{2n} - (-1)^{3n} + 9(-1)^n + (-1)^{2n} - 1]$
- (2)  $y(2^n, 1) = 3J_{3n+1} - 9j_{n+1} - 3j_{2n+2} + (-1)^{3n+1} + 9(-1)^{n+1} + 15$
- (3)  $z(1, 2^n) = 3j_{2n} - 2$

For illustration and clear understanding, substituting n=1 in (8), the corresponding non-zero distinct integral solutions to (1) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} x(a, b) &= 3(a^3 - 9ab^2) + 3(a^2b - b^3) \\ y(a, b) &= 2(a^3 - 9ab^2) - 12(a^2b - b^3) \\ z(a, b) &= (a^2 + 3b^2) \end{aligned}$$

**Properties:**

- (1)  $x(1, n) = 3 - 29t_{4,n} + 4t_{3,n} - 2CP_n^9$
- (2)  $y(1, n) = 3CP_n^4 - 62t_{3,n} + 31t_{4,n} - S_n + 14$
- (3)  $x(1, n) + y(1, n) + z(1, n) = CP_n^{12} - 16t_{3,n} - 37t_{4,n} + 6$
- (4)  $x(1, n) + y(1, n) - 6P_n^7 + 6t_{6,n} \equiv 9 \pmod{49}$
- (5)  $y(n, 1) - 2P_n^8 + t_{28,n} \equiv 12 \pmod{29}$

**2.2Pattern:2**

Introducing the linear transformations

$$u = \alpha + 3T, \quad v = \alpha - T \tag{9}$$

Substituting in (3) we get

$$4\alpha^2 + 12T^2 = 7z^3 \tag{10}$$

$$\text{Let } z = a^2 + 12b^2 \tag{11}$$

Write 7 as

$$7 = \frac{(4 + i\sqrt{12})(4 - i\sqrt{12})}{4} \tag{12}$$

Using (11) and (12) in (10), we get

$$2\alpha + i\sqrt{12}T = \frac{4 + i\sqrt{12}}{2} (a + i\sqrt{12}b)^3$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we obtained

$$2\alpha = 2(a^3 - 36ab^2) - 6(3a^2b - 12b^3)$$

$$2T = (a^3 - 36ab^2) + 4(3a^2b - 12b^3)$$

Hence the values of x and y satisfies (1) are given by

$$x(a, b) = 3(a^3 - 36ab^2) - 2(3a^2b - 12b^3)$$

$$y(a, b) = 2(a^3 - 36ab^2) + 8(3a^2b - 12b^3)$$

$$z(a, b) = (a^2 + 12b^2)$$

**Properties:**

$$(1) x(1, n) = 3[6CP_n^{25} - 6CP_n^{24} - 70t_{3,n} + 33t_{4,n} + 8]$$

$$(2) z(1, n) = t_{24,n} + 20t_{3,n} - 9t_{4,n} + 1$$

$$(3) y(n,1) = 3CP_n^4 + 2t_{23,n} + 2t_{5,n} - 106t_{3,n} + 53t_{4,n} - 96$$

$$(4) x(n,1) + y(n,1) - 10P_n^5 - t_{28,n} \equiv -72 \pmod{168}$$

$$(5) y(n, n) - z(n, n) + 284P_n^5 - 43t_{8,n} \equiv 0 \pmod{86}$$

**2.3Pattern:3**

Instead of (12) we write 7 as

$$7 = \frac{(10 + i\sqrt{12})(10 - i\sqrt{12})}{16}$$

Following the procedure as presented in pattern 2 the corresponding non-zero distinct integral solutions to (1) are obtained as

$$x(a, b) = 3(a^3 - 36ab^2) + 2(3a^2b - 12b^3)$$

$$y(a, b) = 3(a^3 - 36ab^2) + 10(3a^2b - 12b^3)$$

$$z(a, b) = (a^2 + 12b^2)$$

**Properties:**

$$(1) y(n,1) = 2CP_n^3 + t_{24,n} + 12t_{21,n} - 20t_{3,n} + 10t_{4,n} - 120$$

$$(2) x(1, n) = 3[-3CP_n^{16} - CP_{6,n} - 33t_{4,n} + 2]$$

$$(3) x(n,1) - 6P_n^5 - t_{8,n} \equiv -24 \pmod{106}$$

$$(4) x(n,1) - z(n,1) - 6P_n^5 - t_{6,n} \equiv -36 \pmod{107}$$

$$(5) z(1, n) - x(1, n) - 48P_n^5 - 48t_{6,n} \equiv -2 \pmod{42}$$

**2.4Pattern:4**

Introducing the linear transformations

$$u = \alpha - 3T, \quad v = \alpha + T \tag{13}$$

$$\text{Let } z = a^2 + 3b^2 \tag{14}$$

Write 7 as

$$7 = (2 + i\sqrt{3})(2 - i\sqrt{3}) \tag{15}$$

Substituting (13), (14) and (15) in (3) and repeating the process as in pattern2, the non-zero distinct integral solutions to (1) are obtained as

$$x(a, b) = (a^3 - 9ab^2) - 15(a^2b - b^3)$$

$$y(a, b) = -2(a^3 - 9ab^2) - 12(a^2b - b^3)$$

$$z(a, b) = a^2 + 3b^2$$

**Properties:**

$$(1) x(n,1) - y(n,1) = 3[2CP_n^3 - CP_{4,n} + t_{20,n} - 8t_{4,n} + 2]$$

(2)  $x(2^n, 1) - y(2^n, 1) = 3[j_{3n} - 27J_n - j_{2n} - (-1)^{3n} - 9(-1)^n + 2]$

(3) Each of the following represents a nasty number:

- (a)  $y(3a^2, 1) - x(3a^2, 1) - t_{14, 3a^2} + 6P_{3a^2}^5 + 3$
- (b)  $7\{42 - 2x(a, 1) - y(a, 1)\}$
- (c)  $6\{x(a, a) - z(a, a) + 16P_a^5\}$
- (d)  $2\{32P_a^5 - y(a, a) - z(a, a)\}$

**2.5Pattern:5**

Instead of (15) we write 7 as

$$7 = \frac{(8 + i2\sqrt{12})(8 - i2\sqrt{12})}{16}$$

Following the procedure as presented in pattern4, the corresponding non-zero distinct integral solutions to (1) are

$$\begin{aligned} x(a, b) &= (a^3 - 36ab^2) - 10(3a^2b - 12b^3) \\ y(a, b) &= -2(a^3 - 36ab^2) - 8(3a^2b - 12b^3) \\ z(a, b) &= a^2 + 12b^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Properties:**

- (1)  $x(1, n) - y(1, n) = 6CP_n^{24} - t_{24, n} - 2t_{6, n} - 93t_{4, n} + 3$
- (2)  $x(n, 1) = 2CP_n^3 - 2CP_{29, n} - 16t_{3, n} + 7t_{4, n} = 122$
- (3)  $y(n, 1) = -2[2CP_n^3 - 74t_{3, n} + 37t_{4, n}] - 8[t_{8, n} + 4t_{3, n} - 2t_{4, n} - 12]$
- (4) Each of the following represents a nasty number:

- (a)  $7\{110P_n^5 - x(n, n) - z(n, n)\}$
- (b)  $6\{x(n, n) - y(n, n) + z(n, n) + 174P_n^5\}$

**2.6Pattern:6**

(1) can be written as

$$(2x - y)^2 + 3y^2 = 28z^3 \tag{16}$$

One may write 28 as

$$28 = (5 + i\sqrt{3})(5 - i\sqrt{3}) \tag{17}$$

Substituting (17) and (4) in (16), employing the method of factorization, we have

$$(2x - y) + i\sqrt{3}y = (5 + i\sqrt{3})(a + i\sqrt{3}b)^3$$

Equating real and imaginary parts, we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x(a, b) &= 3(a^3 - 9ab^2) + 3(a^2b - b^3) \\ y(a, b) &= (a^3 - 9ab^2) + 15(a^2b - b^3) \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{18}$$

Thus (14) and (18) represents the non-zero distinct integral solutions to (1)

**Properties:**

- (1)  $x(n, 1) = 2CP_n^9 + t_{8, n} - 48t_{3, n} + 24t_{4, n} - 3$
- (2)  $y(1, n) = -6CP_n^{13} - 2CP_n^9 + 2CP_n^3 - t_{20, n} - 6t_{3, n} + 2t_{4, n} + 1$
- (3)  $y(1, n) + 18P_n^7 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$
- (4)  $x(n, 1) - 6P_n^5 + 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$
- (5)  $6P_n^3 - y(n, 1) - 3t_{10, n} \equiv -15 \pmod{2}$

III. REMARKS

(1) Let  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  be the initial solution of (1)

$$\text{Let } \left. \begin{aligned} x &= 7^3 x_0 + h \\ y_1 &= 7^3 y_0 + h \\ z_1 &= 7^2 z_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{19}$$

be the first solution of (1).

Substituting (18) in (1), we get

$$h = -7^3(x_0 + y_0) \tag{20}$$

Using (20) in (19) we obtain the general solution as follows:

**EVEN ORDERED SOLUTION:**

$$x_{2n} = 7^{6n} x_0,$$

$$y_{2n} = 7^{6n} y_0,$$

$$z_{2n} = 7^{4n} z_0,$$

where  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

**ODD ORDERED SOLUTION:**

$$x_{2n-1} = -7^{3(2n-1)} y_0,$$

$$y_{2n-1} = -7^{3(2n-1)} x_0,$$

$$z_{2n-1} = -7^{2(2n-1)} z_0,$$

where  $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

**Properties:**

$$1. 48 \left[ \left( \frac{z_0}{x_0} \right) \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \left( \frac{x_{2n}}{z_{2n}} \right) \right] + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$2. x_0^2 z_{2n}^3 = x_{2n}^2 z_0^3$$

3. Each of the following is a nasty number:

$$(i). 6 \left[ \frac{x_{2n} y_{2n} z_{2n}}{x_0 y_0 z_0} \right], (ii). 6 \left( \frac{z_{2n}}{z_{2n-1}} \right), (iii). 6 \left( \frac{z_0 y_{2n}}{y_0 z_{2n}} \right), (iv). 6 \left( \frac{z_0 x_{2n}}{x_0 z_{2n}} \right), (v). 6 \left( \frac{z_{2n}}{z_{2n-1}} \right)$$

4. Each of the following is a cubic integer:

$$(i). \left( \frac{x_{2n}}{x_0} \right) \left( \frac{-y_0}{x_{2n-1}} \right), (ii). \left( \frac{-x_{2n}}{y_{2n-1}} \right), (iii). \left( \frac{-y_{2n}}{x_{2n-1}} \right), (iv). \left( \frac{y_{2n}}{y_0} \right) \left( \frac{-x_0}{y_{2n-1}} \right)$$

II. Employing the solutions(x, y, z) of (1), the following relations among the special polygonal and pyramidal numbers are obtained.

$$1. \left[ \frac{3P_{x-2}^3}{t_{3,x-2}} \right]^2 - \left[ \frac{3P_{x-2}^3}{t_{3,x-2}} \right] \left[ \frac{P_y^5}{t_{3,y}} \right] + \left[ \frac{P_y^5}{t_{3,y}} \right]^2 = 7 \left[ \frac{6P_{z-1}^4}{t_{3,2(z-1)}} \right]^3$$

$$2. \left[ \frac{6P_{x-1}^4}{t_{3,2(x-1)}} \right]^2 - \left[ \frac{6P_{x-1}^4}{t_{3,2(x-1)}} \right] \left[ \frac{3P_{y-2}^3}{t_{3,y-2}} \right] + \left[ \frac{3P_{y-2}^3}{t_{3,y-2}} \right]^2 = 7 \left[ \frac{P_z^5}{t_{3,z}} \right]^3$$

$$3. \left[ \frac{2P_{x-1}^8}{t_{3,2x-3}} \right]^2 - \left[ \frac{2P_{x-1}^8}{t_{3,2x-3}} \right] \left[ \frac{6P_y^4}{t_{3,2y+1}} \right] + \left[ \frac{6P_y^4}{t_{3,2y+1}} \right]^2 = 7 \left[ \frac{3P_z^3}{t_{3,z+1}} \right]^3$$

$$4. \left[ \frac{6P_x^4}{t_{3,2x+1}} \right]^2 - \left[ \frac{6P_x^4}{t_{3,2x+1}} \right] \left[ \frac{6P_{y-1}^4}{t_{3,2(y-1)}} \right] + \left[ \frac{6P_{y-1}^4}{t_{3,2(y-1)}} \right]^2 = 7 \left[ \frac{3P_{z-2}^3}{t_{3,z-2}} \right]^3$$

#### IV. CONCLUSION

To conclude, one may search for other pattern of solutions and their corresponding properties.

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